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REMARKS

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-36 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to file continuations related to such subject matter.


New claims 37 to 42 have been added. Claims 37-39 correspond to claims 6-8 (Group 5), and claims 40-42 correspond to claims 18, 20, and 24 (Group 12).

Applicants request the withdrawal of the restriction of Group 5 and Group 12 on the grounds that the special technical feature is the antibody of claim 37. The reference cited (WO98/30582) does not disclose antibodies directed to SEQ ID NO 18 of that application, nor does the reference disclose any function or association of this peptide with mast cells. Therefore, the present claims are novel and have unity of invention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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